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Water-supply Scheme for Guntur.

*258 Q.—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Government expect the Water-supply Scheme for the Guntur Municipality to be completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Guntur Water-supply Scheme was programmed to be completed by March 1956, but it is expected to be finished earlier."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" May I know whether the Hon Minister will state the reasons for the failure of the Government to order for the filtering machine, the production of which will take three years? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Sanitary Engineer has reported that it would take at least three more years for completing the installation of drinking water pumpsets according to the tenders accepted by him. Efforts are being made to complete this scheme earlier."

Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" In view of the fact that there has been considerable delay in getting the necessary instruments, etc., will the Government consider the desirability of maintaining water in Kommamuri canal at Sangamjagarlemudi up to the level to supply sufficient water from the reservoir to Guntur? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Emergency measures have been taken to meet the present water scarcity in Guntur."

Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" May I know when the contract was given, whether it was unduly delayed and if so, why? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that every effort is being made to complete the scheme earlier. Within two years I hope the scheme will be completed."

Sri K. SUBBA REDDI :—" ఈ స్కీము ఎన్ని సంవత్సరాలనుండి అమలులో ఉన్నది? ఇంకెంత కాలానికి పూర్తి అవుతుంది? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Revised plans and estimates for the scheme were sanctioned in July 1950."

Sri K. VENKAIAH :—" May I know whether the scheme has been delayed because of the transfer of the machines from Guntur to the South and whether measures are being taken by the Government to supply water to the city at present? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated that the scheme will take three years and how efforts are being made to expedite it."

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that the scheme was sanctioned in 1950 and its execution

will be completed in 1956. The people of Guntur are already suffering a lot because of scarcity of drinking water. Does the Minister expect them to go without drinking water till 1956?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have said that emergency measures are being carried out to meet the present scarcity of drinking water and the people there are satisfied with the measures taken by us. I was there a short time ago along with the Sanitary Engineer and the people expressed their great satisfaction at the prompt action taken by the Government at present."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered my question. I asked him whether the scheme has been delayed as the machinery has been transferred from Guntur to the South. Will he give an answer at least now?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, several works in connexion with this scheme have already been completed. The summer storage tank work has been completed. Orders have been placed for the supply of raw water pumping plants. The laying of distribution system has been done. The construction of elevated service reservoirs in the high and low level areas has also been completed."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" The question is whether the Government have transferred a certain number of pipes from Guntur to the southern districts. Secondly, may I know whether the Government have failed to order for the filtering machinery in time and if so, what alternative arrangements have they made in this direction?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already mentioned the action that is being taken. I am not aware of any transfer of pipes to the southern districts."

Prohibition Guards.

* 259 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prohibition Guards are not given increment according to service?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No. The Prohibition Guards are granted increments according to service in the time-scale of Rs. 30—½ A—40. But Prohibition Guards who are appointed on temporary basis are not granted any increment."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that in Malabar increments are stopped and if such instances are brought to the notice of the Government, will the Hon. Minister take action?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that these Prohibition Guards are given definite instructions by the